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By Suzi Muston

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LONDON Southend Airport has beaten all other UK airports to be named as the best in Britain.

Thrilled airport bosses said they believe Southend has been billed the best thanks to the lack of queues and friendly staff.

Airport chiefs also believe the thousands of passengers who voted for Southend love the fact that the airport has its own railway station, with trains in and out of London every 20 minutes.

It is the third year running passengers have voted Southend as the country's best in respected consumer group publication Which?

Passengers gave a maximum five-star rating in four out of the seven categories assessed.

Categories surveyed were queues at check-in, bag drop and airport security, baggage reclaim, seating, food outlets and passport control.

Other London airports were left lagging down the ratings table.

Stansted and Luton scored just 40 per cent customer satisfaction,



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winning them the joint title of the worst airports in Britain.

Passengers marked them down for queues, overcrowding and a lack of seating.

In summer 2015, a total of 11,226 Which? members were asked to complete an online survey about their experiences of flying from a UK airport in the past year.

Which? said customer scores were based on a combination of overall satisfaction and how likely people are to recommend the airport to a friend.

Airport owners Stobart Aviation praised staff for their hard work.

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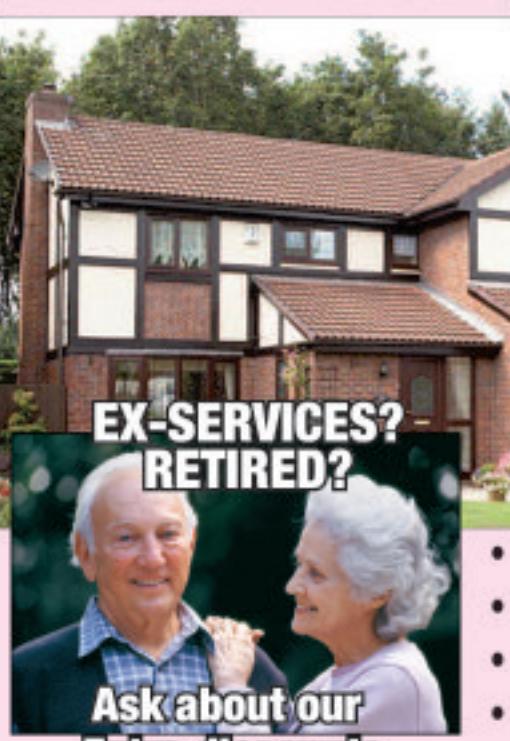
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Hope stolen shipwrecked canons on the way home

By Suzi Muston

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PRECIOUS items stolen from the shipwreck, The London, should be making their way back to Southend.

Three 17th century bronze cannons were taken from the wreck which blew up and sank a mile from Southend pier on March 7, 1665.

Three irreplaceable 17th century bronze cannons stolen from the wreck were unwittingly bought by an American in 2008 for £56,000.

Most of the items on board the ship have been saved thanks to a major archaeological project.

They legally belong both to the council and Southend Museums Service.

The council said the American buyer was legally entitled to get his money back.

The council and the museums service hope if, and when, they get the cannons back, they will become a big crowd-puller at the new museum earmarked for the cliffs on Southend sea front.

Southend Museums Service is considering applying for a £56,000 grant to the Victoria and Albert Museum and The Headley trust to pay back the American.

Executive Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Councillor Graham Longley said: "The wreck of the London is of major historical importance and the items recovered from it will become a key visitor attraction when they are displayed in the town."

"This is why it is essential for us to ensure that the cannons – which are the only ones of their kind known to be in existence – remain here in Southend to become a crucial part of this exhibition."

"The progress of the London ship-



GUN CARRIAGE: The London's gun carriage – one of the most recent items recovered from the sunken vessel

wreck excavation has sparked a great deal of interest, and all the way along we have had invaluable help from volunteers.

"They have tirelessly assisted in sorting and undertaking preventive conservation of the rare objects rescued from the wreck, and this vital community involvement helped the project get shortlisted for a Museums and Heritage Awards for Excellence."

The London, built in Chatham in 1656 was one of just three completed large ships out of ten ordered by the Cromwellian Navy for the Anglo-Dutch war.

The ship sank following an internal

explosion whilst anchored at the Nore, and among the 300 people killed were 30 women and children who had come aboard to see off their loved ones.

Only 24 people survived.

The tragedy touched the heart of the nation and Samuel Pepys commented on it in his diaries.

Items recovered from the wreck of the London are being conserved by Historic England and will return to Southend once research on each item has been carried out.

The three cannons, made in Amsterdam, were used by the Dutch against the English, but then captured by the English and kept as prizes.

They were later installed on the London, which sank as it was preparing to take part in the second Anglo-Dutch war.

At Southampton Crown Court on Friday September 4, Vincent Woolsgrove, 49, of Ramsgate, Kent, was jailed for two years and ordered to pay £35,000 costs after admitting fraud in connection with the cannons.

Woolsgrove, who is a professional diver, falsely claimed to have found the cannons lying in international waters.

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COMPETITION

Win spooky fun day out to Marsh Farm

GRAB your wellies and follow the scarecrows to Marsh Farm's exciting Pumpkin Patch event in October half-term.

Get ready for Halloween by digging up your own pumpkin – one free for every child – in an educational activity at the farm from October 24 to 31 which helps children learn about where food comes from, how it looks as it grows before going to the supermarket.

Then decide whether you want to head into Chicken Coop Crafts to carve your pumpkin into a spooky face for Halloween, or take it home and make some warming autumn recipes.

Tickets cost £11.50 on the door or £9.99 online, with children under two getting in for free. Tickets include entry to the farm's Witches & Wizards Week.

If you cannot wait and want to visit sooner, the farm has Dinosaur Days from September 26-27, when you can jump back 200million years and meet Jurassic beasts, excavate fossils in the sand, join craft workshops and follow clues on the T-rex Trail.

Whatever time of year you visit you can have fun meeting the animals, seeing the birds of prey show, watching a milking demonstration and even take part in Shaun the Sheep Championsheeps Live at weekends.

For more about events at Marsh Farm Animal Adventure Park, situated in Marsh Farm Road, South Woodham Ferrers, visit www.marshfarm.co.uk.



FACES: Children can dig their own pumpkins from the Pumpkin Patch and head to Chicken Coop Crafts and carve them at Marsh Farm this half-term

To win one of 10 family tickets, each admitting two adults and two children to the park during its Pumpkin Patch event answer the following question.

Q: On what date do we celebrate Halloween?

A: October 29

B: October 30

C: October 31

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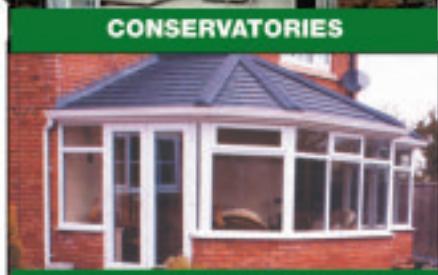
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STORM IN A TEA CUP: Artist John Bully, left, with Chay Godfree, Mark Sharp and Julian Esposito

Artist gets brush-off over mural at school

A PIECE of urban art on a Southend school wall has been painted over by its creator following a complaint.

Southend artist John Bully was commissioned to paint a mural at the Epic Quest school in the One Love Centre, Wallis Avenue.

His energetic painting showed youngsters jumping with their arms held high, showing an inch of their stomachs. The happy scene also included a girl gazing at a star behind her.

Avenue.

finished painting the new mural at the school with another image because someone complained about the original image. The children's stomachs showed.

"I had literally just taken a

held in her hands.

Teacher's work of children showing stomachs replaced after complaint

paint over the colourful mural after a complaint about the work

like it. I think it really is a storm in a tea cup."

Headmaster and school owner, Julian Esposito, asked Mr Bully to cover part of the painting.

Mr Bully, an art teacher at the school who has painted popular artworks around the town, added: "I said I will just paint over the whole thing."

The school now has giant lettering on the wall with its address – 24 Wallis Avenue.



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Farage angling to take back

UKIP leader gets a warm reception from fishermen in Leigh worried that their livelihoods and centuries-old tradition is in danger of collapsing. SUZI MUSTON reports

CONTROVERSIAL UKIP leader Nigel Farage met with Leigh fishermen to listen to their worries about the future of fishing.

Mr Farage gave a rabble-rousing speech to a packed crowd at Bell Wharf, old Leigh.

Well-known Leigh fisherman, Paul Gilson, whose family have fished the Thames for 200 years, said he and other local fishermen were extremely nervous about their industry's future.

He said: "We are worried there will be no future for British fishermen. Foreign fishermen are taking most of the fish stocks from British waters – the quotas are destroying our industry."

Grinning Mr Farage joked: "What you mean British waters should be fished by British fishermen!"

"This is my point entirely, I am concerned there is no future for the young fishermen."

"If ever there was a lesson how not to manage water, the treatment of the Thames is it. I want to see a sustainable fishery I do not see under the present dictatorship of the EU that this will happen – I am a mad keen sea angler – it's ludicrous, once our fishermen use their

quotas up, they have to throw their stocks back into the sea – it's sheer madness.

"On the other side we have Norway who is not a member of the EU they have 200 miles of territorial waters."

Mr Farage was given a rapturous round of applause when he finished off saying: "I have looked at what has happened with UK for hundreds of years fishing – we have

lost 100,000 jobs from losing our territorial waters. British people have great affection for the fishing industry and people want to come to Leigh to buy cockles and fish and so on.

"We need to take back our territorial waters, we will do our bit and bring back jobs and bring back this industry."

UNDER THREAT:
Fishermen have been working out of Leigh for hundreds of years fishing – we have

'I've spent five decades fishing - but my sons might be the last'

FISHERMAN Matthew Smith said he was distraught his lads may not be able to continue with the family's fishing tradition. People have lived off fishing in Leigh on

Sea before Roman times. Matthew and his two boys are part of that tradition – he has been a fisherman on the Thames for almost five decades.

The trade, which has experienced turmoil over the centuries, is going through another dark era.

EU quotas set up to prevent overfishing force fishermen to dump the excess into the



PRESSING THE FLESH: Nigel Farage meets fishermen Paul Gilson, left, Matthew Smith and his son Ben

Photos by Mark Cleveland

sea which has become a major source of resentment and anger.

Matthew said the reduction in fishing stocks meant it would be impossible to keep the industry going.

His son Ben started his training when he was just 12. He told the YA that not only his sons but also his two nephews had trained to be fishermen from a very young age.

Matthew said: "It takes at least seven years to train to be a fisherman. This is because it can be a very dangerous profession. We have had our fishing quota taken away.

"The Dutch own our fisheries now, UK fishermen have sold out to the Dutch, they have sold our national stocks."

Matthew and his lads met with Mr Farage to talk about their concerns on Thursday.

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THROW BACK: Nigel Farage, left, Paul Tilson and a friend. Paul Tilson, above left, Matthew Smith, centre with his sons and nephews who are fighting for their livelihood

'Bailouts one reason why we must get out of EU'

MR Farage spoke exclusively to the YA on why he wanted the country to leave the EU.

Mr Farage said, in crude economic terms, Britain pays £55million per day to belong to the EU and gets £25million a day back.

He said: "We pay a membership fee to belong to the EU, and as

with any club, you hope to get some benefit for the fee.

"We pay a fee so that we can buy and sell to France and Germany without trade tariffs, but no where else do you have to pay to trade.

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"The EU sells us more than we

export, if you look, we import German cars, French wine and so on.

"Norway, Iceland and Switzerland are thriving and they are not members of the EU, encumbered by Euro bailouts and extortionate EU membership.

"There is no benefit at all to us

being in the EU." He said when Britain joined the Common Market in 1973, people were sold the idea it was a free trade area.

"We were sold a lie, we are handing over more than £17 billion a year to the EU. The EU is not only a political union, it is also a debt union."

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Roots Hall purchase on the agenda

RECONSIDER: The council needs to look at how circumstances have changed at the ground

By Suzi Muston

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SOUTHEND Council is set to discuss its plans for the compulsory purchase of land at Roots Hall.

Members of the cabinet received an updated report on Tuesday this week about a resolution to place a compulsory purchase order on land needed to kick-start plans for a new Southend United stadium.

The cabinet will review the order at its cabinet meeting on November 10.

The CPO resolutions were

made on March 1, 2012.

Council officials said the resolutions were not fulfilled because Roots Hall Limited and Sainsbury's had not entered into the required agreements needed for the council to proceed.

Council chiefs said the CPO orders would affect businesses which have yet to move out of the area, including Super Pizza on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Fairfax Drive.

"We have also requested additional information on the progress on the Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm development proposal, which will allow us to make an informed decision on how we proceed."

However, three-and-a-half years have passed and circumstances have changed, so it is right to re-consider the Roots Hall CPO status once we have the relevant information that we have requested.

"It is our intention to bring a report to the next meeting of cabinet which will detail any changed circumstances.

"We have also requested additional information on the progress on the Roots Hall and Fossetts Farm development proposal, which will allow us to make an informed decision on how we proceed."

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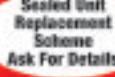
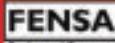


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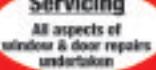
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Taking care of business



SWEET: Katherine Ashdown at South Essex College

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Katherine Ashdown, who is an enrichment associate at the college, has made it through to the final of this year's county-wide business awards.

In 2011 she launched Sweetcheeks Trees – luxury, bespoke sweet trees for every occasion – and she is now up for businesswoman of the year.

In 2012 she won new company of the year at the Southend

business awards, and for the past two years, she was a finalist in the entrepreneur of the year category.

Katherine's success has helped the students enjoy talks from industry experts and Dragons' Den style challenges, judged by top business bosses.

She said: "It all began as a bit of fun when I made a sweet tree for my daughter. I really enjoyed it, people loved it and asked me if I would make them

some, which I did. More and more people asked and it took off from there.

"I love having my own business, but I also love the fact that I can use it to help the students at the college.

"Getting real businessmen and women to come into the college, hold talks and share their experiences is a fantastic way for students to learn."

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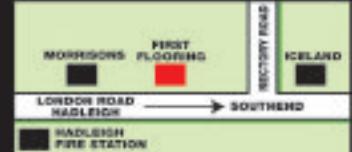
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Tony's in commando his art

By Suzi Muston

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A FORMER Royal Marine and British Military fitness instructor from Southend has swapped jungle warfare for musical theatre.

Tony Baliss, 42, served in Iraq and Northern Ireland as part of the 29 Commando Regiment.

During his time in the marines, he qualified as a jungle warfare instructor.

After leaving the forces, Tony decided to follow his original passion for the arts and enrolled full time at the Musicians Institute in Hollywood and later The American Musical Theatre Academy of London.

Since graduating in 2012, Tony has been juggling his role as a fitness instructor at British Military Fitness with roles in TV and film. He has also starred in Madame Butterfly and at the moment, is playing evil Uncle Ernie in The Who's rock opera, Tommy.

Tommy was written by Pete Townsend and is based on The Who's 1969 double album rock opera of the same name.

Tony said: "When I was at school I was always interested in the arts, but got talked out of pursuing a career in it and ended up joining the army instead.

"While I really enjoyed my time there, after leaving the forces I decided it was now or never to pursue my dream – and I haven't looked back since!"

"Of course it has been tough and I have had to make a lot of sacrifices, but finally achieving my goal of being on the stage makes it all worthwhile."

Tony said it had taken a lot of grit and determination to succeed in the industry, particularly at the later stage of his life.

He added: "I'd recommend that if anyone wants to change their career they just do it – the longer you sit around worrying about it the less chance you have. And of course never give up!"



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Southend Council said it boasts a dedicated children's area, books and materials for all ages, DVDs and merchandise.

The library is located on the first floor of the Shoeburyness Youth Centre building and has a lift and stairs.

Cllr Graham Longley, executive councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development said: "The new library offers something for everyone, is easily accessible and centrally located.

"It will have a paid member of staff on duty at all times when it is open, and is also supported by our indefatigable team of trained volunteers and we are very grateful indeed for all their help."

Every Friday from 10.30am there will be a free story rhymes session for pre-school children.

This Saturday October 3 from 11am till 12.30pm, celebrated children's book illustrator, Chris Wormell will be staging a George and the dragon drawing challenge.

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By Matthew Stanton

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MORE than 1,200 people have taken part in an Essex assault course that included mud pits, rope climbs and soil slides.

Nuclear Races was held on land next to the former secret nuclear bunker, in Kelvedon Hall Lane, Kelvedon Hatch, on Saturday, September 19.

The event attracted 1,208 runners who ran over three time slots throughout the day.

Yellow Advertiser reporter, Matthew Stanton, completed the 6km run and 30 obstacles in a time of one hour and 16 minutes on behalf of gym, Club One Hundred, in Leigh-on-Sea.

The best runner was Steed Tristan who completed four laps of the course in a time of two hours and 21 minutes.

The entire course included the "death slide" which is a 20m high slide into a cold lake, the "muddy mile", a 100m crawl through mud



TOP TEAM: Reporter Matthew Stanton and Sam Vinent took on the course for the first time under a cargo net, and "hang tough" which involved swinging from hoops over water.

A chance to adopt

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The plan for the child will probably be adoption but the court will decide. If this is the right plan then the foster carers can become the prospective

adopters of the child.

Councillor Dick Madden, cabinet member for children's services, said: "Our ambition is for all children in Essex to have the best start in life and fostering for adoption can offer some children the opportunity to experience their forever family earlier with fewer disruptions."

To book on to the event which will be held in Chelmsford please call 0800 801 530. Visit www.essex.gov.uk/adoption

Community cash up for grabs

THE countdown is on for local voluntary and community organisations to apply for grants of up to £1,000 from the High Sheriff of Essex Awards Scheme.

The money will be awarded to groups working to make their communities safer and also gives recognition to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution. The deadline is December 1.

High Sheriff Vincent Thompson said: "I am a huge advocate of Essex. There is so much that is excellent about our county. However, Essex does also have some problems, with many areas of deprivation and there are various organisations working very hard to address this."

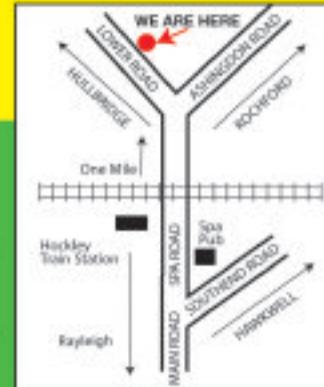
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Turning children into weak adults

MOST people recognise that the contemporary school system is a factory designed to turn healthy children into weak adults – a dreary machine whose components must be made to think the same thoughts about the same subjects in the same way at the same time.

The teachers at Shoebury High School, sternly sending their students home for minor infractions of the uniform-code, are telling them: "The trivia with which you're being forced to stuff your heads is far less important than the fact that you all look identical while doing so."

Apologists for the totalitarian ideal of uniformity inevitably declare that standardised dress protects children from the attentions of bullies.

This is a stupid, immoral and cowardly lesson to be teaching the young: "Keep your head down, don't stand out, fade into the crowd, do what everyone else does and hopefully the bad guys will leave you alone."

Allowing human beings the basic dignity of choosing their own appearance, their personal style, encourages the growth of traits such as self-determination, self-esteem, individuality and the ability to stand up for oneself.

But perhaps these qualities are not considered desirable by our corporate overlords, who

want from the school factories nothing more than regular and reliable quantities of craven and interchangeable wage slaves.

Jason Pilley
Southend

You say you want a devolution

MOST people know that Scotland, while still remaining a part of the UK, has been given many powers under devolution.

This allows the Scottish parliament to control many of its own affairs and pass laws on matters such as education, health, environment, local government and transport.

Most people also know that a similar arrangement is also operating in Wales.

Less well known is that Greater Manchester is also gaining from the many advantages of devolved powers.

Earlier this year it was announced that the region would be put in control of its £6billion health and social budget. Even less well known is that the leaders of the 15 councils in Essex wrote to the Government in March 2015 registering their interest in developing a devolution deal for Greater Essex.

A second letter this month informs the Government of their continued interest and that they believe government-granted devolved powers to a Greater Essex Combined Authority would provide "long-term economic growth, increased pro-

ductivity, provide greater certainty on housing delivery and world class, financially sustainable public services".

It is anticipated that, given the devolved powers, Greater Essex would develop the strongest economy outside London "increasing our economic output from £33.5bn to £60bn" by 2025.

This is exciting stuff because devolved powers will bring cash into our community and the Greater Essex Combined Authority would have control over how it is spent on things such as infrastructure.

At the cabinet meeting last Wednesday evening our council leader, Colin Riley, assured me that if the Greater Essex Combined Authority is created with the devolved powers they envisage then we are more likely to get a third road off Canvey earlier than compared with how things operate at present. This is to be welcomed.

Of course negotiations are at an early stage but a new Greater Essex Combined Authority could be as little as two years away, providing all the councils agree to its formation. There is still much negotiating to be done and cabinet has said that residents will be kept informed.

Individual councils will still be retained in the new Greater Essex but it is hoped great benefits will come to all communities by working together.

Watch this space!

Colin Letchford
Independent councillor for
East Ward
Canvey Island

This is not progress, it's a disaster

AFTER reading the article about 180 more homes being built on land in and around Basildon, I fear this will be another London after the slums were cleared to make way for new housing (tower blocks) which was anti-social to say the very least.

Basildon Council is getting too big for its boots. It is hell-bent on making Basildon a concrete jungle. Well, it's already full of animals with the rise in crime.

Could this be due to the influx of new people from London? This building needs to be stopped. It will not, because London is full and Essex is next.

It's not progress it's a disaster. Ballards Walk is seeing 145 homes built. It's going to change this area forever.

Basildon is fast becoming a place to run from. The money wasted and land the council sold off is a catastrophe in the making.

Neil Franklin
Basildon

No grasp of planning process

I HAVE just returned from holiday to find that I have been the subject of many letters in the past couple of weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the misinformation.

All of the letter writers appear to be unaware that permission to build the 725 homes on Dry Street was given in 2013 and it is only the design and layout of 181 of those homes which the reserved matters application related to.

There will not be an additional 181 homes as they seem to believe. These letters show how members of the public (and in some cases ex-councillors) do not understand the planning process.

Cllr Carole Morris
Chairman of Planning

Fear of IS infiltrating refugees

IN response to last week's letter from Julian Ware-Lane, I would agree that the scenes of fleeing refugees is a dreadful sight.

However, with ISIS claiming that they would flood Europe with refugees and amongst them would be many terrorists, I have great reservations about welcoming too many here to our shores.

I disagree that Southend would be welcoming to immigrants. The town has declined so much over the past few years, and a walk down Southend's once vibrant High Street is now a depressing experience, with quite enough foreign voices, thank you.

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P. Shawyer
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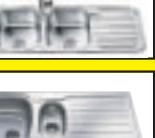
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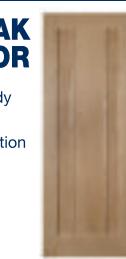
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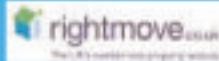
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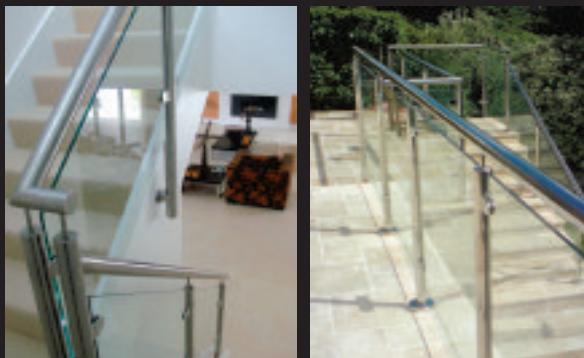
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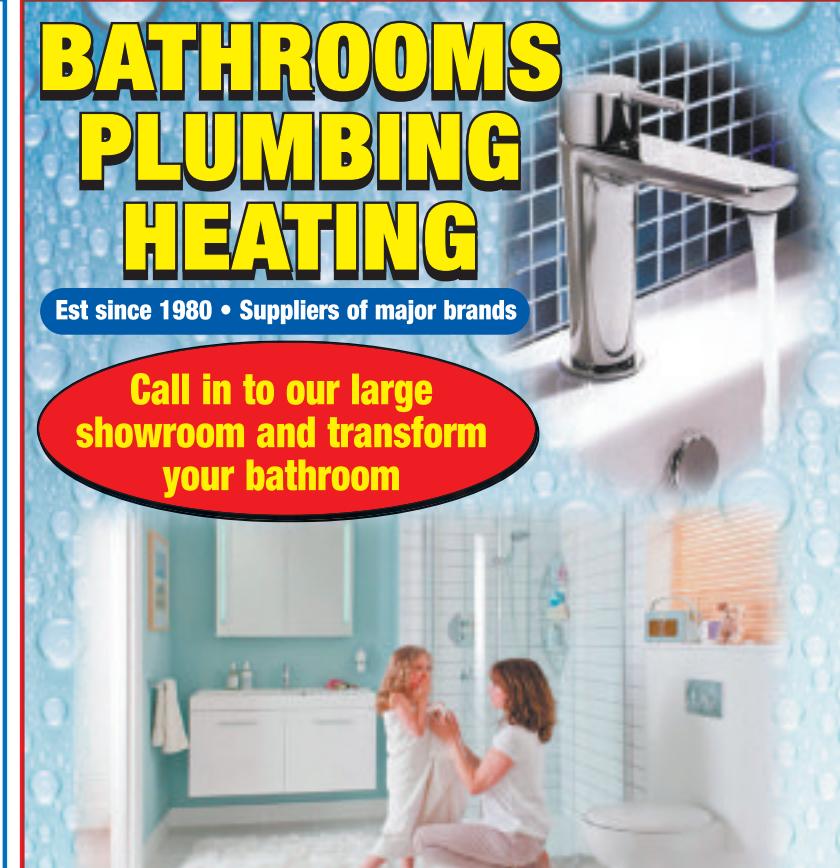
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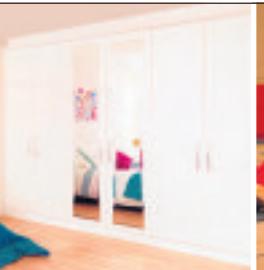
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Adam Forde, who adapted Arabian Nights and co-directed the show with Julia Black, is delighted by the response the show has received.

He said: "We worked so hard on the show, especially as it was the first for the company and to receive the brilliant reviews has been great. But even more



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Join the cast, including Yasmin Goodwin, William Forde and Luke Pitman, and get ready to be transported to a wonderful world of mysterious marvels and tales retold with music, puppetry and theatrical magic.

Other entertainment at Palace Theatre this October includes singer Tony Christie, comedian Josh Widdicombe, former cricketer Freddie Flintoff, and academic and writer Germaine Greer.

It may be more than 40 years since Tony Christie got his breakthrough in 1971, but his international hits still pull in the crowds.

He will be appearing at Palace Theatre on Friday, October 2, so don't miss the chance to see what keeps this singing superstar in demand around the world.

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TEARJERKER: Drew Barrymore and Toni Collette

MISS YOU ALREADY (12A, 112 mins)

In 1988, Beaches starring Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey was the weepie du jour for a generation of women hankering for a bittersweet portrait of steadfast sisterly solidarity.

Bottom lips still quiver, more than 25 years later, to the first notes of Midler's soaring ballad, Wind Beneath My Wings.

It's been a long wait but actress Morwenna Banks provides 21st century gal pals with their own sobathon as screenwriter of this occasionally foul-mouthed comedy drama set in the shadow of breast cancer.

There are tears aplenty in Catherine Hardwicke's film, predominantly shed by lead actresses Toni Collette and Drew Barrymore as they rage against a cruel disease that affects one in eight women in the UK.

There is humour and pathos too, not least in one beautifully handled scene between a wig maker (Frances de la Tour) and Collette's patient, as they select a new permanent barnet to replace the flowing

locks lost to chemotherapy. Pleasingly, Banks's script doesn't paint characters as saints or martyrs.

They are deeply flawed and behave badly, even at their lowest ebb, propelling a wrecking ball through a marriage when they should be fighting for survival.

Collette and Barrymore play best friends Milly and Jess, who met at school and have shared pivotal coming-of-age moments like losing their virginities.

Now 30-something and fabulous in radically different ways, the pals are braced for middle age.

Milly is a PR executive with a handsome husband Kit (Dominic Cooper) and two cherubic offspring, Scarlett (Honor Kneafsey) and Ben (Ryan Lennon Baker).

Bohemian earth mother Jess lives on a house boat with her oil rigger husband Jago (Paddy Considine) and cluckily prepares for the arrival of their first child.

Out of the blue, Milly is diagnosed with cancer and has to confront her mortality without her designer high heels.

As usual, Jess is by her side every painful step of the

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way, including a double mastectomy that forces Milly to question her femininity.

Timed for release ahead of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Miss You Already is galvanised by believable screen chemistry shared by the two leads.

Barrymore oozes adorability, while Collette has the meatier role and teases out the selfishness of her ambitious career woman, who has always prided herself on being able to arouse her husband.

Scenes of Milly pre and post-surgery are moving, leavened by flashes of humour as friends and family attempt to buoy Milly's spirits: "Come on Frankenstein. Let's get you bandaged up!"

Plotting is a tad haphazard and a protracted 250-mile trek to the Yorkshire Moors creates unnecessary conflict.

Thankfully, screenwriter Banks redeems herself with a well-judged final act that tugs our heartstrings without feeling like we're being shamelessly manipulated into reaching for another tissue.

Released: September 25
RATING: 7/10

Stage

Ashes hero Freddie on stage

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Since hits such as Is This The Way to Amarillo? – which re-entered the charts in recent years after a version was released by Comic Relief – as well as I Did What I Did for Maria, and Avenues and Alleyways, he has continued to record hits such as Kiss in the Night and Walk Like a Panther.

Comedian Widdicombe, who will be at the theatre on Saturday, October 3, has found a lot of minor things to get annoyed about and now he has a chance to share them.

His new tour, Josh Widdicombe: What Do I Do Now? will be a blessed relief for him to get back to the relaxing world of live stand up. Since he was last on tour his Channel 4 show The Last Leg has gone from strength to strength and been nominated for various awards, including a British Comedy Award and a Broadcast Award, while finally winning one at the Royal Television Society Awards.

He has also been seen on BBC2's Mock the Week and QI, BBC1's Live at the Apollo and Have I Got News for You, as well as ITV1's The Jonathan Ross Show, amongst other stuff.

Hero of the historic 2005 Ashes-winning England cricket team, Flintoff, will be joined at Palace Theatre by comedy writer and producer, Clyde Holcroft, his podcast partner in crime on Sunday, October 4.

Freddie Flintoff: 2nd Innings celebrates the 10th anniversary of the victorious team's exploits, and gives him the chance to share his memories of that long, hot, unforgettable sporting summer, insights into the game and even a bit of Elvis – all unscripted, unedited, unguarded and unleashed.

Greer, author of books about women, feminism, literature, art and the environment, will also have something to say at the Southend theatre on Thursday, October 8.

The evening will give the audience a unique chance to ask all those burning questions they have been longing to throw at her – serious or light-hearted – so expect this close encounter with her to be candid, enlightening and highly entertaining.

■ For further information and tickets to see any of the shows at Palace Theatre call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit www.southendtheatres.org.uk.

Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about



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- Michaelmas Fayre – St Nicholas' Church, Long Road, Canvey Island, doors 11am, car boot sale, car park setting up from 7am, cream teas in rectory garden 2.30pm.
- Rayleigh history and tree walk – from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS67ED, 3pm, £2, Mike Stone 01268 775328.
- Basildon Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Club 50+ Southend – 9.30am-3.30pm daily, activities, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
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- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
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- Jazz workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

Sunday, September 27

- Five-mile walk – meet 10am Belfairs Woods toilet block, 100yds from stables, SS9 4LR, Details Ralph 07702 568427.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Sommies Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA, 10.30am-4pm, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
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- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo 07757 658799.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children aged three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 520993.
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- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
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- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
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- East Hawkwell Memorial Hall, Info: 01702 546219/542349.
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- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.

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- The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit, noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm, 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breath Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.
- Carpets Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.
- Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
- Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2

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- Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-church caring for the elderly and disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/ 525141/340617.
- Little Lunchers Active Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all, 01268 498642.
- Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years, 01702 577656.

Wednesday, September 30

- Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – Skelton Skinner All Stars Sextet tribute to Basie and Ellington, 8pm, The Chichester, Rawreth SS11 8UE, Tel: 07850 607075.
- Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoebury, Jim Davis 01702 292867.
- South East Essex Ramblers Group – 10-mile walk – Terling to Chatham Green, meet 9.15am, Rawreth Lane Recreation Ground, Rayleigh, SS11 8SN, details 07532 147207 or 07905 601284.
- South East Essex Ramblers Group – five-mile walk, meet 10am, Eastwood Edwards Hall car park, Bosworth Road, SS9 5AD, Details Carol 01702 552687.
- Mayflower Wine and Social Club – Day Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay, 8pm, for a wine tasting. New members welcome, £2. Details 01277 652001.
- Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – 8pm The Chichester, Rawreth SS11 8UE, Tel: 07850 607075.
- Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.
- Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8.30pm, £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.
- Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA, 07948 108195.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
- Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s,

- Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.
- Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.
- Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet, Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person, 01268 752473.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.
- Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm, 01702 553622.
- Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625069.
- Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.
- Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation, call Honorie 01268 574390.
- Social balloon and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob, 01702 544112.
- Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.
- Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).
- Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session, 01702 540111.
- Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Bradmonton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 inc use of equipment, 01268 773100.
- Activity sessions – The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.
- Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.
- Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30pm,

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- 9.30pm, details Gill 01702 421737.
- Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am, 01268 465432.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.

Thursday, October 1

- The Victorian Age – Ten-week course starting 10am, WI Hall, Rayleigh. Details 01268 759070.
- Ferndale WI – Ferndale Community Hall, North Avenue, SS2 4ET, 2pm.
- Alzheimer's Society activity group – To book, call 01702 343156 or 343121.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer, £3: 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge: 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics: 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.
- Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.
- Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner, 07771 831507.
- Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details Dee, 01268 565045.
- Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildgrave Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.
- Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
- Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
- Stalls in outpatients dept – next to postbox, Southend Hospital, bowls, bric-a-brac, handknits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.
- Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm, 01268 770112.
- Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.
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TANDOORI Parlour has just launched a new special menu for diners at the same time as welcoming a new a la carte chef to its award-winning team.

The chef has joined the acclaimed team at the largest Indian restaurant in Essex and brings his own expertise to the restaurant's mouth-watering cuisine, which includes all you can eat buffets and an exceptional a la carte menu.

Another new addition at Tandoori Parlour is a Tuesday and Wednesday Night Special when diners can enjoy their own banquet for just £24.95 per couple. The value-for-money deal includes plain or masala poppadoms with any homemade chutney and pickles for appetiser, followed by tandoori chicken, lamb tikka or vegetarian samosa for starter.

It is then on to a choice of any chicken, lamb or vegetarian curry dish for the main course, with saffron rice, Bombay potato and tandoori naan on the side. This is all complimented with a bottle of house wine and dessert.

Every year Tandoori Parlour, at 61-63 Hart Road, Thundersley, is the perfect setting for festive celebrations and staff are taking bookings for Christmas.

With disco and karaoke nights throughout the festive period it is the ideal venue for some festive fun with family, friends or work colleagues.

With evenings starting from £11.95 per person, "doubles for singles" drinks deals, DJ entertainment, party novelties and a choice of Indian or English cuisine, menu or buffet, Tandoori Parlour is the place to be this Christmas, so make your booking now to avoid disappointment.

Throughout the year Tandoori Parlour offers you the chance to enjoy a celebration with family or friends, thanks to the best in Indian and Nepalese cuisine, DJ entertainment and your table for the whole evening.

Enjoy poppadoms and pickles, and a platter of starters silver-served to your table, before feasting on a banquet of delicious food from an extensive



sive buffet of 52 dishes. The fantastic buffet evenings cost just £11.95 per person from Sunday to Wednesday, and £12.95 on Thursday, when there is karaoke and disco night each week, while the popular banquet and disco nights on Friday and Saturday offer silver-served starters, an extensive buffet, a disco with DJ entertainment and "doubles for singles" drinks deals at the bar from 5.30pm to 8pm.

Enjoy an "eat as much as you like" deal from the a la carte menu, from Sunday to Thursday, all freshly cooked and served to your table for just £12.95 per person, and a Sunday lunchtime buffet of 52 dishes and a platter of starters served to your table for just £7.95 per person, with children, aged 10 and under, eating for free.

The restaurant, which was one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005 and is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide, has a downstairs dining area with bar and dance floor, a Crystal Room upstairs with illuminated glass dance floor, laser light show and state-of-the-art sound and lighting. As well as full disabled facilities and a free, large car park opposite, it also holds charity nights and offers free VIP cards and a full takeaway service.

For further information about Tandoori Parlour, which has been serving delicious food to the community since the mid-1970s and is open seven days a week – lunchtime and evening – call 01268 793786 or 01268 793877, and visit www.tandooriparlour.com.

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Its owner, Ali, who previously owned successful Plaza Pizza in Southend as well as Leigh Pizza in Leigh-on-Sea, and both Crooks Kebabs and Star Kebabs, went on to open the Golden Grill Kebab House back in 1989.

Combine his extensive experience, with outstanding service and delicious food, all freshly cooked and prepared on the premises by a team of highly skilled chefs, and you can see how the takeaway has stood the test of time.

Golden Grill Kebab House, which was awarded a five star Food Hygiene Rating by Southend-on-Sea Borough Council in June this year, offers a wide range of kebabs to suit all tastes including doner, shish, chicken shish, chicken doner, kofte, mixed doner, mixed kebab and vegetarian kebab, as well as its House Special - kofte, chicken shish, doner kebab, vegetarian kebab and chips. If you want something equally as filling, without the pitta bread, then opt for doner, chicken or mixed doner meat served with chips.

While its name reflects the extensive range of kebabs it has on offer, there is so much more available for customers from pizza and burgers, to southern fried chicken and side dishes.

Its chefs freshly prepare the dough for its popular pizza bases on the premises daily, with either 9" or 12" options for customers. All of their pizzas are topped with mozzarella cheese and customers can choose from all the classics from cheese and tomato to pepperoni, and ham and pineapple. There is also a Golden Special pizza including pepperoni, ham, chicken, mushroom, sweetcorn, onion and pepper; a House

Special including chicken, ham, onion, pineapple and sweetcorn; and a Vegetarian Special – topped with mushroom, pineapple, onion, sweetcorn and peppers. Go for their 12" pizza special offer with any three toppings as well as garlic bread, chips, coleslaw and a bottle of drink and enjoy a feast for just £12.50.

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There are also a range of value-for-money Kids' Meals for just £3, including a choice of burger, cheeseburger, chicken nuggets or one piece of chicken, all of which come with chips and a soft drink of either Pepsi or 7-up. You can also choose their kids' doner meat option for just £3.50.

This is all complemented by a range of side orders from cheesy chips and salad, to spicy

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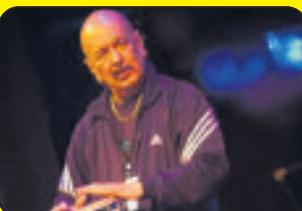
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Ask the Agent

Alan Kirkman

Q. We are about to start house-hunting, and would really appreciate some general advice.

A. I'm assuming, from your question, that you are first time buyers. However, if you do already own a property, then the first thing you need to do is put it on the market.

Next, establish the minimum requirements for your new home. What are your absolute must-haves - not just in terms of numbers of

rooms, but also other key factors like commutability, access to schools, and so on? You also need to work out your maximum budget. This might sound glaringly obvious, but you wouldn't believe the number of people who waste a great deal of their own (and other people's) time, looking at properties that they can't afford and which don't really meet their needs. In both cases, a good estate agent and a good financial advisor can help you clarify things.

(Incidentally, I'm not suggesting that you should only be ruled by your head, rather than your heart. After all, choosing a home is a very emotional business. But at least you should be clear in your own mind about the key parameters of your search.



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.

Once you've got them fixed, then you can obviously let your heart have a say!

When it comes to house-hunting itself, of course most people these days start with the internet. However, there is still a place for the traditional way of doing things, spending a weekend or two mooching up and down your chosen high street, visiting all the agents. This is particularly useful if you are planning to move to an entirely new area, since it also gives you the opportunity to check out the neighbourhood in a way that no amount of

web-surfing can match. Either way, you will need to register with the agent, or agents. In doing so, make sure you give them all the information you can regarding your requirements and your financial situation, etc.

Finally, when it comes to checking out individual properties, be selective. Sometimes people ask me how many properties they should look at, and I always reply, "As many as it takes." Go and inspect your chosen properties - preferably in the company of the agent, and always in daylight.

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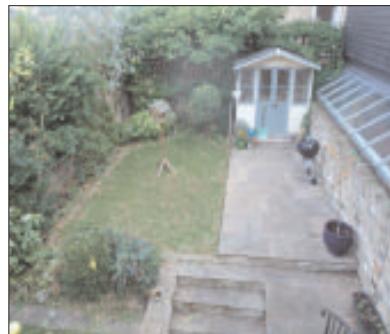


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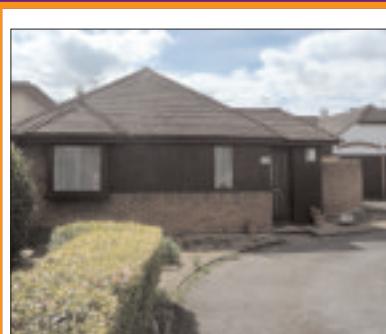
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Rayleigh



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Southend-On-Sea



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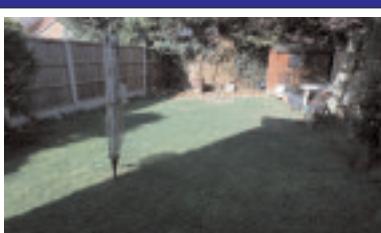
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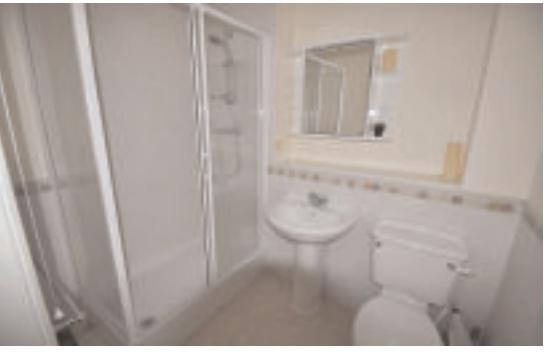
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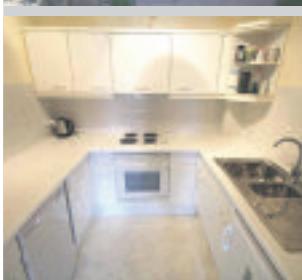
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£760,000
Ref 6409

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Ref 6408

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**Stylish & Contemporary
Stambridge Road**
£365,000
Ref 6450

Call us to book your viewing on Sat 26th 1pm to 2pm to view this great family home having been refurbished and extended in to a superb five bedroom contemporary and spacious property. Boasting two bathrooms, two spacious reception rooms, a luxury fitted kitchen and cloakroom. The property is complimented with a 95' garden with garage space and ample parking.

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Village Location O.I.E.O £375,000
Ducketts Mead Ref: 6518

This spacious four bedroom family home in Canewdon is one we strongly recommend viewing. The detached property offers serenity with the added benefit of a spacious South facing garden.

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**No Stairs To Climb
Hilary Close**
£315,000
Ref: 6511

A generous extended three bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location within easy access of Golden Cross shopping centre. Rochford town centre is nearby offering mainline station and London Southend airport. Call us now to arrange a viewing.

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Horseshoe Crescent
350,000 O.I.E.O
Ref 0359

Stunning three double bedroom home tastefully presented in immaculate condition, just set off the picturesque green in a quiet cul de sac located in the highly desirable and historic Shoebury Garrison development. Ideally positioned close to transport links, local parks, Hingay School and the beach. Ref 0359

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Shaftesbury Avenue
£380,000

Ref : 0035

This wonderful character four bedroom family home has it all. Not only a good looking property from the front, but also beautifully presented throughout, with bundles of character and charm spread over ample extended living accommodation. This stunning home is also perfectly situated in a desirable location with it's views over Southchurch Park from your own private balcony.

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169,950
Southchurch Avenue Ref 9939

Immaculate and contemporary first floor apartment offered to the market with no onward chain. Perfect central location close to town centre, mainline train station and seafront. The perfect investment opportunity or first time buy.

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£570,000

REF 9929

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**You Could Not Ask For More
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£650,000

Ref: 9046

Everything you've ever dreamed of, awaits for you in this spectacular detached bungalow. On approximately 1/3 of an acre plot, there is so much space for your family to grow and entertain. There is an indoor swimming pool that can be used as somewhere to relax and revitalise. However being located in the rear garden with three openings, is ideal for summer fun. The master bedroom has so much to offer, with a walk in wardrobe, a stunning en suite hosting a free standing bath, shower and sauna.

Haart Rayleigh



**Absolute Perfection
Eastwood Rise**
£500,000

Ref: 9071

Family design and modern luxury are uniquely embodied, in this four bedroom detached home. Perfect for entertaining guests, with the advantage of the additional reception room and being in a prime location for great schools, including the Grovewood Primary and Eastwood Academy. Benefiting from a generous lounge with doors leading out onto the secluded rear garden, it is simply the perfect set up for a beautiful summers evening.

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250,000 - £270,000

Waterloo Road REF 9784

This well presented three bedroom, semi detached house offering great size accommodation, would make an ideal family home. Add to this the south facing garden and the garage to the side, this property ticks all the boxes.

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**New Build - New Home
Fletton Gardens**
£450,000

Ref: 9022

Situated on a new development with only 10 properties, this beautiful four bedroom house benefits from an integral garage and parking space. Being located in a quiet cul de sac location just a stones throw from the High Street and mainline train station offering services to London Liverpool Street. Within easy access of local schools and amenities this home has everything a family could need.

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Character Property

Southwold Crescent
£290,000 - £310,000
Ref: 7809

If character is what you are looking for then look no further! The current owner fell in love with the high ceilings, large bay windows and large size bedrooms that the property had to offer.

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A Touch Of Elegance

Granville Close
£380,000
Ref: 7807

With a generous lounge, separate dining room, kitchen with adjacent utility room, conservatory, luxury bathroom and en suite, garage and parking this will not be around for long.

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Chain Free

Deerhurst
£350,000
Ref: 7740

Modernised throughout this is a home that will tick all the boxes with spacious lounge/diner, beautiful kitchen, utility room, conservatory, en suite, garage, ample parking and to top it off is chain free.

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Detached Plot

Spacious
Thundersley Park Road
£550,000
REF: 7663

Offering a wealth of charm and character the property benefits from having to the ground floor, cloakroom, utility room, kitchen with step leading to breakfast room, dining room leading to 24' reception room and study. Four good size bedrooms, master bedroom with en suite and family bathroom.

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Space and Potential

Clifton Avenue
280,000
Ref: 7818

Looking for a home with lots of ground floor space? Then this is for you. This amazing three bedroom chalet style house has bags of potential and the layout can be utilised in a number of ways. Don't miss out.

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Saturday 26th

September 11am - 12pm
London Road
£175,000 - £185,000
Ref: 6731

You will need to see for yourself to believe just how much space this lovely first floor apartment has to offer. With fantastic open plan reception and kitchen areas, two generous double bedrooms, four piece bathroom suite and no onward chain this is a must view. Call for more information.

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No Chain

Manchester Drive
£134,950
Ref: 6864

Located in a quiet residential area is this one bedroom, first floor flat which needs to be viewed to be fully appreciated. Spacious throughout, it's great for someone looking to bring their individual stamp to a property.

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Expect To Be Impressed

Grand Parade
£330,000 - £350,000
Ref: 6705

You will need to see for yourself this lower ground floor apartment on Grand Parade overlooking the Estuary. Superbly presented throughout this incredible home is just a stroll to Chalkwell Station and benefits from an open plan living area, a modern kitchen, two bedrooms, parking, a garage, a rear garden and a spacious outbuilding with a range of possible uses.

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Chain Free

Woodside
£390,000 - £400,000
Ref: 6834

Situated in the ever popular Belfairs Wood is this bungalow for all seasons. When the current owners found this little treasure it was the backdrop for all this country offers, in terms of relaxed living and gentle rambles. The garden has matured through the season and will be the stage for every avid gardener to spend their days honing their craft.

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Charming Kitchen

Hamlet Court Road
£195,000
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Stunning does not even begin to describe this apartment. 3 bedrooms, 2 large reception rooms and beautiful country style kitchen this is a real rare gem. Ref 3386

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Saturday 26th

September 11am-12pm
99 Guildford Road
£235,000
Ref: 3372

Being located within walking distance to Southend High Street and Victoria Train Station this is a real shopper/commuters paradise. With 3 bedrooms and 3 reception rooms this is the ideal family home. With local amenities a stones throw away along with local transport links this well maintained property will not be hanging around.

Haart Westcliff



Saturday 26th

September 10am-11am
111 West Road
£185,000
Ref: 3342

Having been maintained to a lovely standard, this two bedroom ground floor apartment could be exactly what you are looking for. With allocated parking and close to shops.

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Retire in Comfort

Homeover House
£75,000
Ref: 1523

Close to the seafront and offered with no onward chain is this well presented one bedroom flat. The property is in a fantastic complex with lots of communal facilities, and we strongly advise an internal viewing, so call us today.

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Saturday 26th

September 12pm-1pm
8 Rochford Avenue
£235,000
Ref: 3381

With ample space for all the family this is the perfect home for any buyer looking to upsize. Being offered with no onward chain is this lovely 3 bedroom terraced property with large living space and good sized rear garden. To ensure you do not miss out on this one like many of the others call our office today.

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Motoring

Peugeot 508 addition is a great all-rounder

By Maxine Ashford

PEUGEOT'S popular 508 line-up was extended to include a highly-efficient six-speed automatic RXH model and the car is certainly an impressive all-rounder.

It benefits from standout Peugeot design cues, including the company's new upright grille with the Peugeot Lion at its centre and distinctive light clusters that make the car instantly recognisable at night from the front or rear thanks to the feline claw-shaped LEDs.

It's not all for show because these lights are perfect for illuminating bends when cornering – they are economical, fast and very effective.

This car also came with 18-inch alloys, roof rails, privacy glass and a massive panoramic sunroof that seems to defy gravity and stretch the entire length of the cabin allowing light to flood in.

The interior is beautifully modern and clutter-free with a host of technology to be explored.

Techno treats are plentiful and included automatic dual-zone air conditioning, a DAB digital radio, CD player, Bluetooth connectivity, a seven-inch multi-function colour touchscreen, sat nav, heated electric seats with memory settings on the driver's side and a colour head-up display system.

The car is very spacious with ample room for five adults to stretch out in style.



PREMIUM QUALITY: Peugeot 508 RXH BlueHDi 180 automatic

Luggage restrictions need not apply either as the large boot has a capacity of 512 litres which can be increased to 1,598 litres with the rear seats dropped flat.

There is also room beneath the boot floor, but the absence of a spare wheel is disappointing.

Elsewhere there are numerous storage compartments, such as a deep central bin, good-sized door pockets, handy trays, a glovebox and cup holders that pop out from the front of the dashboard.

Powered by a 2.0-litre HDi 180bhp diesel

engine, the 508 RXH was a pleasure to drive in busy traffic and out on the open road.

The acceleration was smooth with a constant supply of power on tap at all times.

The six-speed automatic transmission was responsive and the steering wheel-mounted paddles mean the driver can take a little extra control if so desired.

Comfort levels proved high and there was next-to-no engine, road surface or wind noise to speak of. Added to that, the vehicle's effective suspension system ironed out any road creases too.

My only gripe after clocking up almost 500 miles was some irritating glare on the windscreen caused by the speaker on top of the dashboard and the head-up-display mountings. That aside, the car was sprightly and had impressive performance stats with a 0-62mph sprint time of 9.7 seconds, top speed of 136mph, combined fuel economy of 61.4mpg and carbon emissions of 119g/km. And all for the competitive price of £30,895 (£31,765 with options).

Safety specifications are comprehensive with anti-lock brakes, electronic brake force distribution, electronic stability control, traction control, blind spot detection, numerous airbags and more.

All in all, the Peugeot 508 RXH is a fabulous all-rounder offering premium quality styling with state-of-the-art technology, excellent driving dynamics and good economy.

FAST FACTS

Price: £30,895

Mechanical: 180bhp, 1,997cc, four-cylinder diesel engine driving four wheels via six-speed automatic gearbox

Max speed: 136mph

0-62mph: 9.7 seconds

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LIONS TAMED BY BETTER BLUES

Southend United

Millwall 0 Southend United 2
GOALS from David Mooney and Adam Barrett secured Southend's first away win of the season at The Den on Saturday.

Boss Phil Brown made five changes to the squad with Luke O'Neill, Cian Bolger, Luke Prosser, Gary Deegan and Joe Pigott coming into the starting line-up and Michael Timlin given the captain's armband.

Keeper Daniel Bentley once again showed his worth to the Southend side, rushing from his line in the 33rd minute to deny O'Brien after a quick Millwall throw-in.

Millwall, on the back of impressive performances at Crewe and Preston, dominated the early exchanges but Mooney's close range header on 37 minutes sent the Lions in a goal down at the interval.

Four minutes after the break the Blues doubled their lead with Barrett heading in Timlin's cross.

But he was injured in the process and had to be replaced immediately by Glen Rea.

Millwall boss and former Shrimpers forward Neil Harris chose to increase his striking options with the inclusion of Lee Gregory for Ed Upson.

Late on Millwall rallied with Shaun Williams and Steve Mori-



ON TARGET: David Mooney scores the opening goal for Southend Photo by Martin Dalton

son both coming close, but Blues held on, with their only two shots on target both counting.

Brown was delighted with his team's performance and praised the players' desire to win.

Millwall: Archer, Edwards, Webster, Beavers (Ferguson, 69), Craig, Onyedigema (Cowen-Hall, 68), Abdou, Williams, Upson (Gregory, 51), O'Brien, Morison. Subs not used: Forde, J Martin, Marquis, Thompson.

Southend United: Bentley, O'Neill, Mori-

ger, Barrett (Rea, 54), Prosser, Worrall, Leonard, Deegan, Timlin, Mooney (Weston, 84), Pigott (Williams, 94). Subs not used: Wordsworth, Payne, Atkinson, Smith.

Referee: Mark Haywood
Attendance: 10,228

Saxons share honours in epic battle

Rugby

Southend Saxons 29 Old Albanians 29

By Alan Grace at Warners Park
SOUTHEND Saxons welcomed Old Albanians for the first time in four seasons at the weekend.

They expected a tough encounter from last year's National 1 side and they got it.

It was a highly entertaining game with both sides serving up some first-class rugby.

Saxons immediately put Old A's under pressure and forced their way up field gaining a lineout 25 metres out. The throw was well won and quickly moved out to the backs.

Smart interchanging passes saw the ball arrive in Chris Vaughan's safe hands. He darted between the defenders and touched down.

Brad Burr converted the try and the Saxons led 7-0 lead.

It wasn't long before Old A's responded with a fine try of their own when a long cross-field kick found full-back James Hearn on the right wing. He dashed down the

line and went over in the corner.

No conversion but the Saxons' lead narrowed to two points at 7-5.

Southend were rampant during the next 20 minutes denying possession and forcing Old A's onto the back foot. They were unable to keep Southend out without conceding penalties.

One led to a successful kick between the posts by Burr to make it 10-5. Another led to a Saxons lineout five metres from the Old A's line.

The resulting catch and drive forced another penalty. Saxons elected for a scrum resulting in a pushover that referee Leal decided had been held up. Another scrum, another penalty, then another.

Mr Leal had seen enough and ran between the posts indicating a penalty try. Burr converted and Southend moved into a deserved 17-5 lead.

They continued to keep possession and attacked. Old A's frustrations led to a yellow card for foul play for Nicholas Stevens and an injury in the tackle to scrum-half



ATTACK: Sonny Gay

Photo by Jon Wagstaff

Jack Daley, who was replaced by Tom Taylor and the game moved on. Old A's continued to defend well keeping their line safe until half-time.

The second period quickly became a reversal of the first with Old A's keeping possession for the next 20 minutes punishing

Southend with three converted tries and a penalty.

The score moved to 17-29 with Southend looking as if they would get nothing from a game that had looked so promising for them.

A quick clearance from a scrum found the backs and Danny Cleare with ball in hand. He scampered down the wing and avoided a last-ditch tackle to score.

Burr's kick sailed just wide but the gap narrowed to 22-29.

Then, a moment of magic. Southend mounted another attack, this time through the middle.

Burr was in possession and spotted a narrow gap in the Old A's defence and put a grubber kick through for Sonny Gay to run onto.

He seemed to have put too much on it and it ran swiftly towards the dead ball line. But Gay put on the afterburners and dived full length to get a hand on it just before the line.

This time the kick was easier and Burr slotted it to bring the final score level at 29-29.

Next week Saxons travel to Canterbury.

Non-league round-up

Purcell and Fallah three and easy

By Brian Jeeves

GEORGE Purcell was once again the man in form as Ryman League Division One North outfit AFC Hornchurch thrashed rivals Barkingside 5-1 at Bridge Avenue.

Purcell grabbed a hat-trick while David Knight and Tobi Joseph were also on target. Luke With's goal was of little consolation for beaten 'Side.

David Fallah also picked up the match ball as entertaining Aveley won 5-2 at Wroxham.

Liam Nash and James Peagram added the other goals as the Millers won at a canter in Norfolk.

Tilbury were also amongst the goals, edging out Phoenix Sports in a 5-3 thriller at Chad Fields. Harry Cook bagged a brace for the Dockers. Neil Richmond, Emiel Aiken and Kirt Smith confirmed the win.

Ross Wall also scored twice as Thurrock won 4-2 at Heybridge Swifts. Ross Gleed and Keke Orth scored Thurrock's other goals, while Billy Hunt and Alalberto Pinto responded for the hosts.

But it was a bad day for the region's other Division One North teams. Jay Nash found the net for Great Wakering Rovers, but could not prevent the villagers slipping to a 3-1 defeat at league leaders Cray Wanderers, while Redbridge were thumped 5-2 at Thamesmead and Romford crashed 2-0 at home to Brightlingsea Regent.

In the Ryman Premier Division Brentwood Town continued to perfect the art of scoring. Dean Holdsworth's charges emphatically won 5-1 at Lewes, with Philip Anderson, Jamie Guy, Liam Hope, Tom Richardson and Robbie Rees on target.

That aside, it was a rough day for our Premier Division teams. Nicke Kabamba grabbed the only goal as Hampton & Richmond Borough condemned Billericay Town to a frustrating defeat at New Lodge, and Grays Athletic also fell at home, going down 2-0 to Bognor Regis Town. Lewis Smith and Sam Higgins found the net for East Thurrock United, but the Rocks went down 3-2 at Staines Town.

On Sunday, Canvey Island lost 2-1 against Kingstonian at Kingsmeadow. Pico Pelayo-Gomez and Daniel Sweeney put the hosts in the driving seat before Martin Tuohy pulled one back for the Gulls just before the break. But the visitors misery was compounded when Tambeson Eyoung received a straight red card for retaliation.

In the National League Braintree Town produced a fantastic performance to win 4-0 at Altrincham.

Kenny Davis (pen), Michael Cheek, Anthony Edgar and Miles Taylor found the net for the Iron, who are now up to seventh in the table.

In National South Steve Cawley's early penalty for Concord Rangers was not enough as Whitehawk hit back to win 2-1 at the Aspect Arena, while Bern Wright's late goal saw Maidenhead United send Chelmsford City spinning to a disappointing 1-0 defeat.

There were plenty of goals in the Essex Senior League with Ilford leading the way, hammering Enfield 1893 5-2 at Cricklefields.

Hullbridge edged out Newham by the odd goal in seven at Lower Road, while Stansted saw off Southend Manor 4-2.

Basildon United took maximum points after beating Waltham Forest 2-1, and it was the same outcome at Leslie Field where Burnham Ramblers saw off Takeley.

Elsewhere leaders Bowers & Pitsea were held 2-2 at Wadham Lodge, while Tower Hamlets and Barking also shared four goals in another entertaining affair.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Harold Hill edge out Rayleigh Town by a single goal in their Premier Division encounter.

In Senior Division One Dan Gibbons (2), Craig Jenkins and Reece Conway were on target as Basildon Town thrashed Ongar Town 4-0.

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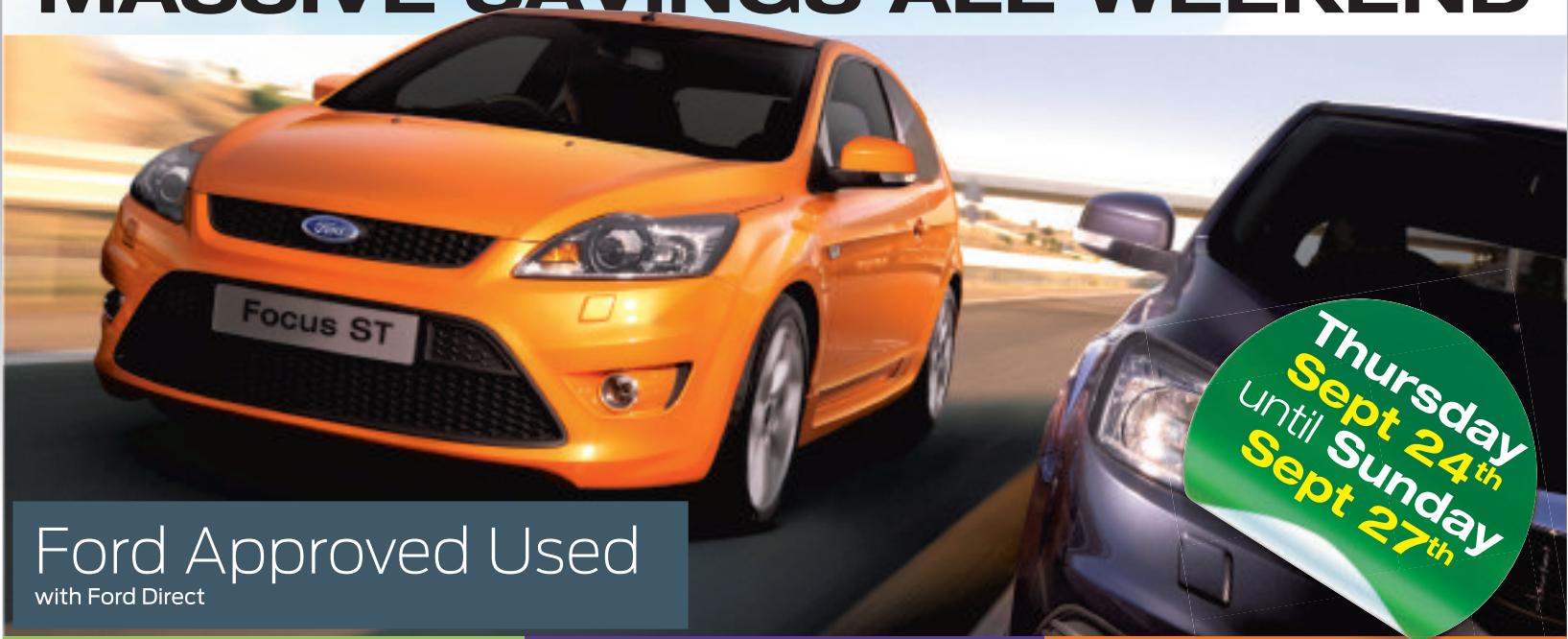


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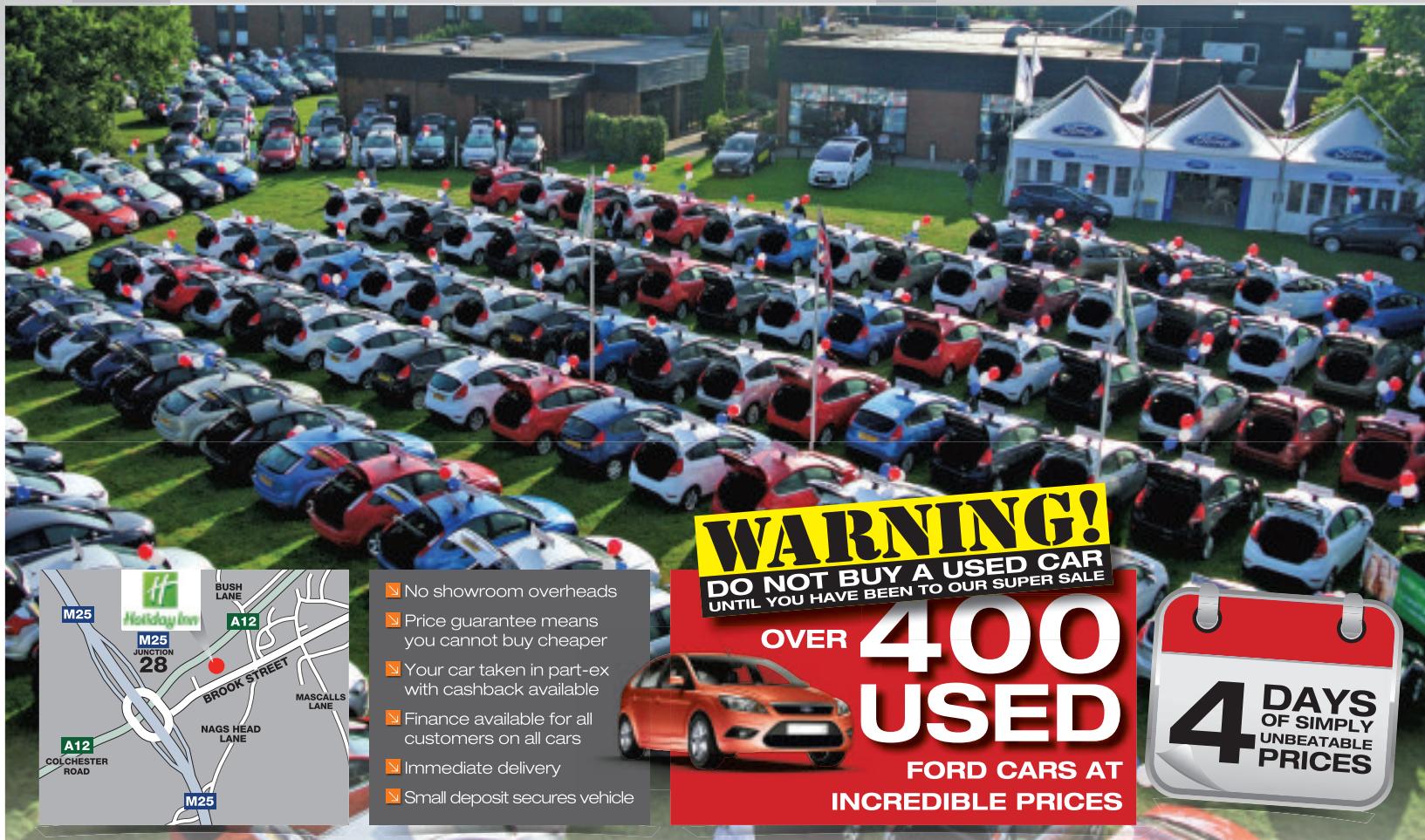
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